(SHRI N. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The news item relates mainly to certain plots auctioned by DDA in the Commercial Centres at Jhendenwalan, Laxmi Nagar and Bhikaji Cama Place. The matter has been looked into and it is found that in respect of the plots in Nehru Place, Jhandenwalan and Bhikaji Cama Place, the auction purchasers have failed to comply with the terms of auction and also had gone to the Court against the DDA. These cases are defended by DDA in the courts and the matter is sub-judice. In respect of the plots in Laxmi Nagar at the time of the auction the plots were not developed and the auction purchasers had expressed some difficulties in making payment of the bid amount. the matter is being examined.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of DDA Plots/Flats to Members of Parliament

4470. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allotted DDA flats or plots to Members of Parliament on priority bassi during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criterion regarding such allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPEMNT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Allotment of Flats on Fake Challans

4471. SHIR GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI MANDAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has allotted a large number of flats on fake challans;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number of such flats allotted during each of the last three years; and

(d) the action taken against the officials found guilty.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). 6 cases have come to the notice of the DDA in which possession letters had been issued of the basis of fake bank challans. Two officers have been placed under suspension. The cases have been referred to Police for further investigation.

Construction of Rural Roads

4472. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central allocation made and actually utilised on the construction of rural roads during Seventh Plan period, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages connected by all-weather roads in the eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(c) the financial assistance to be provided therefor during the Eighth Plan, State-wise; and

(d) the number of villages likely to be covered during that period in the eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RUAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The Construction of roads including rural roads is state subject under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and funds for the same are being provided in the State Plan/Budget.

(b) As construction of roads is a state subject, the Central Government is not maintaining any statistics regarding construction of roads at District level.

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan is still under formulation and yet to be finalised.

(d) Does not arise.

Research and Development by small scale entrepreneurs

4473. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any policy to encourage Research and Development even by the small entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, the incentives offered to them for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government are aware about the refusal of Chandigarh Administration to permit even minor changes in the construction of their industrial sheds by small, young an dynamic entrepreneurs;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Government has been encouraging the Research and Development activities in the industry including the small scale entrepreneurs. The incentives offered to industry in this direction include: the scheme initiated by the Government for according recognition to the In-house Research and Development units in industry; import of equipment and raw material including pilot plant for research and development under Open General Licence; Income Tax concessions on expenditure incurred on scientific research and investments made on scientific equipment and capital assets; awards to industrial R&D units on their outstanding achievements; enhanced accelerated depreciation on the plant and machinery installed based on the indigenous technology.

(c) to (e). Permission for changes in the construction of the Industrial sheds or refusals thereof are being done as per the terms and conditions of the allotment and the building bye laws of Chandigarh Administration.

Refund of Booking Amount by Scooter Manufacturing Companies

4474. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some scooter manufacturing companies have accepted deposits against orders booked on them; and

(b) the steps Government are taking to ensure that these deposits are returned with interest to the concerned depositors well in time on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.